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1. DURING A MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR AUGUST 16, FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS REGARDING THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SCENE AND THE LABOR PARTY IN PARTICULAR. HE SAID THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED LAST WEEK (REFTEL) WAS AN IMPORTANT STEP FOR THE LABOR PARTY. THAT COMMITTEE IS TO PREPARE FOR THE PARTY CONVENTION WHICH HAS NOW BEEN POSTPONED TO FEBRUARY; ALLON ADMITTED IT MIGHT BE FURTHER POSTPONED TO MARCH. HE SAID THE COMMITTEE'S WORK WILL BE DIVIDED AMONG THREE SUBCOMMITTEES: A SUBCOMMITTEES ON SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WILL BE HEADED BY AHARON HAREL (HEAD OF ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT OF HISTADRUT); A SUBCOMMITTEE ON ZIONISM AND JEWISH AFFAIRS HEADED BY UZI BARAM (HEAD OF THE LABOR PARTY'S JERUSALEM BRANCH AND SON OF THE MINISTER OF LABOR); AND A SUBCOMMITTEE ON POLITICAL AND SECURITY MATTERS WHICH WILL BE HEADED BY DANI ROSOLIO (SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE KIBBUTZ HAMEUHAD FEDERATION). COMMENT: THE THREE REPRESENT THE THREE CONSTITUENT WINGS OF THE LABOR PARTY: RAFI, MAPAI AND AHDUT AVODA, RESPECTIVELY.

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2. ALLON SAID THE LABOR PARTY FACES SOME POTENTIAL COMPETITION

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IF YIGAL YADIN DECIDES TO BECOME AN ACTIVE CANDIDATE. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT WHEN THE TIME COMES TO CAST THEIR BALLOTS THE ELECTORATE OFTEN PREFERS ESTABLISHED PARTIES AND POLITICAL FIGURES. YADIN IS A POTENTIAL COMPETITOR NOT ONLY TO THE INDEPENDENT LIBERAL PARTY BUT ALSO TO THE LIBERAL FACTION OF LIKUD, AND HE WOULD EVEN DRAW SOME VOTES FROM THE LABOR PARTY. YADIN CLAIMS TO WANT TO CHANGE THE ELECTORAL SYSTEM IN ISRAEL BUT THE IRONY IS, ACCORDING TO ALLON, THAT SO DOES THE LABOR PARTY. IT WAS ALSO IRONIC THAT YADIN, WHO CLAIMS TO WANT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF POLITICAL PARTIES, WILL ATTEMPT TO REACH THAT GOAL BY ESTABLISHING ANOTHER PARTY. ALLON SAID HE IS NOT PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE LABOR PARTY'S CHANCES, BUT CLEARLY "WE MUST PULL OURSELVES TOGETHER."

3. ALLON SAID THAT HE REMAINS CONVINCED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL MOVE THE SETTLERS OUT OF QADOUM BUT THE DECISION ABOUT HOW AND WHEN THEY ARE TO BE EVACUATED IS UP TO THE PRIME MINISTER. FOREIGN MINISTER FEELS THAT GOVERNMENT HAS DELAYED TOO LONG AND SHOULD MOVE SOON.
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